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**TO:** Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *A. Infante*

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Cranston

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Council will be asked to review and approve projects each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve Necessity of School Construction applications. A chart summarizing Cranston Public Schools' projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects for the Cranston Public Schools totaling \$13,497,432 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$7,010,242):**

**Cranston School District:**

a. Repairs and Renovations:

i.	Eden Park Elementary School	\$ 8,802,432
ii.	Hope Highlands Middle School	\$ 1,658,249
iii.	Western Hills Middle School	\$ 3,036,751